

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of Stephen C. O'Neal  
Serial No. Not Yet Assigned  
Filed June 5, 2001  
For APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CHANNEL-TRANSPARENT MULTIMEDIA  
BROADCAST MESSAGING

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A  
AND  
REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW**

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits of the above-referenced continuation application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 2, before line 5, please insert the following new section:

--Cross-Reference to Related Application

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/240,436 filed January 29, 1999, now abandoned.--.

In the Claims

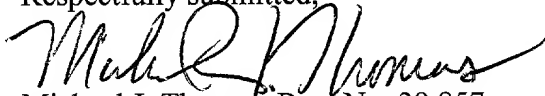
Cancel claims 21-41 without prejudice.

Remarks

Claims 21-41 are canceled herein. Thus, upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-20 will be pending. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made by the current amendment, entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Applicant hereby requests a telephone interview with the Examiner prior to the first examination on the merits of the subject continuation application.

Respectfully submitted,



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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

A new paragraph has been added on page 2 of the application before the "Background of the Invention" section.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 21-41 have been canceled.